

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.498]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### General Assembly Ephemera Collection

*Abstract:* This collection is intended for records related to the Missouri General Assembly, but not created by them as part of official business. Currently, the collection consists of one item, a fabric menu printed for a complimentary legislative dinner held in St. Louis on 02/03/1857.

*Extent:* 1 item

*Physical Description:* Fabric

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* TIF

*Access Restrictions:* None

*Publication Restrictions:* None

*Preferred Citation:* [description of item], [date]; *General Assembly Ephemera Collection*, Record Group 998.498; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

*Acquisition Information:* Gift with letter of intent; Accession #2019-0075

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### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Missouri General Assembly began with the passage of the first Missouri Constitution in 1820, then officially with the formation of the State of Missouri in 1821. It has been in continuous operation. This collection contains items related to the General Assembly, but not part of its official business (for example, lobbying events).

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

RG3.12 Trusten Polk, 1857

RG550 General Assembly

### Additional External Resources

*The Glasgow Weekly Times*. "The Legislature to be invited to St. Louis." January 29, 1857, p. 1.

*The Glasgow Weekly Times*. "Dinner to the Legislature." February 19, 1857, p. 2.

(note: these articles and others have been printed and are filed with the accession paperwork)

## EPHEMERA, 1857

*Arrangement:* N/a

### Scope and Content

Three St. Louis organizations invited members of the Missouri General Assembly and the Governor to visit their city and partake of an elaborate dinner. The St. Louis City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association, represented by John How (Mayor), Henry Ames (President) and Robert Holmes (President) respectively, submitted their invitation on January 27, 1857. One week later, Governor Polk and an unknown number of Senators and Representatives took them up on their offer.

The event was held in the Varieties Theatre of the St. Louis Mercantile Library. Alexander Guenaudon catered the event, for which he was paid \$2,500. This series contains Guenaudon's menu. Newspapers describe the event as "the grandest affair of the kind that ever came off in the city." (*Glasgow Weekly Times*, 02/19/1857, p. 2) Approximately 450 people were in attendance, the vast majority of whom belonged to the three St. Louis organizations.

This menu has been digitized and is available on the Z Drive. It is also on Manuscript DVD #8 in Reference.

NOTE: This item is fragile.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	OB52	6	Complimentary Dinner from the Citizens of St. Louis to the Legislature of Missouri – menu / bill of fare.	02/03/1857